S No	*Programmes*	*Units*	*Cumulative Achievement upto 31 12.1991*
17	Biomass Gasifiers	Nos	760
18	Biomass Stirling Engines	Nos	100

Modernisation of Steel Plants

1892 SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state

(a) how much money including foreign exchange, the country is loosing every year due to delay in modernisation of different Steel Plants, and

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to save such a huge amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) and (b) Schemes for modernisation of steel plants of SAIL are either under implementation (Durgapur and Rourkela Steel Plants) or in the process of consideration (Burnpur Steel Works of IISCO and Bokaro Steel Plants) Contracts awarded for major packages of work in modernisation of Durgapur and Rourkela Steel Plants provide for ceilings on neutralisation of cost escalations during the contract periods, strict penalities and similar other clauses so as to ensure that SAIL is not unduly burdened with cost of delays Government are alive to the need for expeditious clearance for and execution of schemes for modernisation of Bokaro and Burnpur Steel Plants and, accordingly, project proposals are being processed as fast as possible Besides, progress in implementation of schemes is being constantly reviewed/ monitored for taking effective and timely measures for ensuring that delays do not occur

Laying of Telephone Cables in Himachal Pradesh

1893 SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have executed a programme of laying and constructing of underground ducts for laying telephone cables in Himachal Pradesh in 1990,

(b) if so, the progress of their civil works made so far in each district, and

(c) the full details of contractors engaged in the completion of the works?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) No Sir

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above

Construction of Post Offices buildings in Himachal Pradesh

1894 SHRI D D KHANORIA Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to construct for Post Offices buildings in Himachal Pradesh,

(b) if so, the details thereof, distnctwise, and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir, subject to availability of funds, land etc. the Government propose to construct Post Offices buildings in Himachal Pradesh.

(b) The information is given in the statement attached.

(c) Does not arise in view of the replies to (a) and (b).

STATEMENT

(1) On going Post Office Buildings in each Revenue Distt. IN H.P.

Sl.No.	*Name of Project*	*Name of Revenue Distt.*
1	*2*	*3*
1.	Nahan P.O.	Sirmour
2.	Dalhousie P.O.	Chamba
3.	Pragpur P.O.	Kangra
4.	Bijhari P.O.	Hamirpur
	(2) Post Office Buildings at Planning Stage	
1.	Sarahan Bushehar	Shimla
2.	Rohru	Shimla
3.	Rekong Peo	Kinnour
4.	Chauntra	Mandi
5.	Reconstruction of Sunder Ngr. P.O.	Mandi
6.	Nirmand	Kullu
7.	Reconstruction of Kullu H.P.O. building	Kullu
8.	Kaylong	Lahul Spiti
9.	Kaza	Lahul Spiti
10.	Nadaun	Hamirpur

Sl.No.	*Name of Project*	*Name of Revenue Distt.*
1	*2*	*3*
11.	Tauni Devi	Hamirpur
12.	Nalagarh	Solan
13.	Paunta Sahib	Sirmour
14.	Nohra	Sirmour
15.	Teara	Kangra
16.	Khera	Kangra
17.	Banjaru Tiss	Chamba

[*Translation*]

Loss incurred by Pawan Hans

1895. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the loss incurred by the Pawan Hans during the last three years and the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of helicopters grounded at present and the reasons therefor; and

(c) since when these helicopters are grounded?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The details of profit and loss incurred by Pawan Hans during the last three years are as under:-

1988-89	(Rs. 2.57 crores)	loss
1989-90	Rs. 8.06 crores	profit
1990-91	Rs. 40.00 crores	profit (Provisional)

The Main reasons for the losses in 1988-89 was due to poor performance of the Westland helicopters.

(b) and (c). The Westland W-30 helicopters were found unsuitable on account of operational safety and economic viability. All these 19 helicopters have been grounded since 9th February, 1992.

Gas based Power Plant in Agra

1896. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state: